

Grondona rounds off with 35 – and cup

FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE CUP FINAL

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0, WALTON AND HERSHAM 1

WALTON brought the curtain down on their soccer season with a flourish on Monday night by beating Isthmian League champions Wycombe on their own ground and winning this cup for the third time in four years.

In front of a 2,200 crowd, including England team manager Mr. Charles Hughes, Walton dominated this match with a splendid all-round performance—superior in almost every department and always more competitive and more willing to chase and work for each other.

On goal chances alone Walton were well ahead, but it took a 60th minute penalty by John Grondona (his 35th goal of the season) to give Swans a companion piece to their Surrey Senior Cup.

With the tension so great there was too much stick administered by both sides to allow much cultured play. Wycombe, clever and skilful in attack, looked good up to the 18-yard box—where they met Walton's swiftly interlocking defence, superbly marshalled by Dave Donaldson, with Dave Worby (playing his 400th game for Walton) dominating in the air alongside him.

When Wycombe's attacks broke down they were quickly exposed as being vulnerable to counter attack, and with Bassett and Cooper pinpointing piercing long balls to their front runners the home side were constantly in trouble.

Bassett, supported by the constant running and covering of Cooper and the height and strength of Somers, had a fine game, which was tarnished by some heavy tackling which finally brought a booking 15 minutes from the end.

With Grondona providing artful flicks, Langfield incessant chasing, and Connell strength and challenge, Walton were always a handful for the Wycombe rearguard.

The game started at a cracking pace and soon Cobb was diving out at Horseman's feet as he broke through on a back pass by

THE presentations at the end of the match were marred by hundreds of angry Wycombe fans storming on to the pitch and trying to attack the referee. A small group of troublemakers had earlier pelted the Walton goalmouth with stones and coins, and at one stage the game had to be halted when an incensed fan raced on to the pitch.

The presentation of the cup and the runners up trophy was due to be made in front of the main stand, but with the crowd milling on the pitch chanting "Scum . . . Scum" the league committee decided it would be wiser to present the cups in the dressing rooms.

De'Ath. Then Cooper crossed deep into the goalmouth and Somers bored in to challenge keeper Maskell, who dropped the ball over the line and crashed against the post. After treatment he carried on.

In the 17th minute Bassett hit a long through ball which fooled Rundle and Langfield picked it up, to fire into the side netting.

Five minutes later Langfield raced through on to a pass by Cooper to challenge the keeper, who smashed the ball into his face.

Again Langfield proved the danger as full back Fuschillo forgot his England pretensions and pulled him back by the shirt as he raced clear on goal. Cooper hit the free kick to the far post where Worby crashed a header into the side netting.

Next Connell headed down and Grondona volleyed wide. And in the 40th minute Langfield picked up a square pass from Somers to hit a ball which Connell chased past two defenders. He was tripped by Rundle inside the area as he made to shoot—and just on half time was booked as he challenged the keeper.

For the first ten minutes after half time Wycombe came back into the game. Donaldson and Worby making two last-gasp clearances and Cobb saving well from Searle.

Then in the 60th minute Connell won the ball off Fuschillo, swerved into the box and was tripped near the by line by Rundle. The linesman flagged immediately and Mr. Drewitt pointed to the spot. GRONDONA, ice cool, sent the ball to the right and the keeper to the left.

Wycombe bounced back and Horseman broke clear down the right and hit an accurate cross which Worby headed over. Langfield, injured, was replaced 15 minutes from the end by George Goode.

For once Walton were split as Searle put Horseman through the middle, but with Worby challenging and Cobb racing out at his feet he fired over.

At the other end Connell scraped the crossbar with a great header from a Cooper free kick, then he and Grondona combined for Somers to hit a shot on the run, which Maskell saved well.

Ten minutes from time Baker put Horseman clear near the right by line and he clipped low to the near post. Searle raced in but Cobb held the ball at his feet.

Walton: Cobb, De'Ath, Worby, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Cooper, Somers, Langfield, Grondona, Connell. Sub: Goode.

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Weybridge Kenley II

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